

Diversity and foster care – some general thoughts

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“diversity” in socio-political debates

But what does diversity mean exactly, in foster care?

Diversity \Rightarrow Diversities?

interplaying factors which
influence and depend upon
one another in various ways

Macro levels:

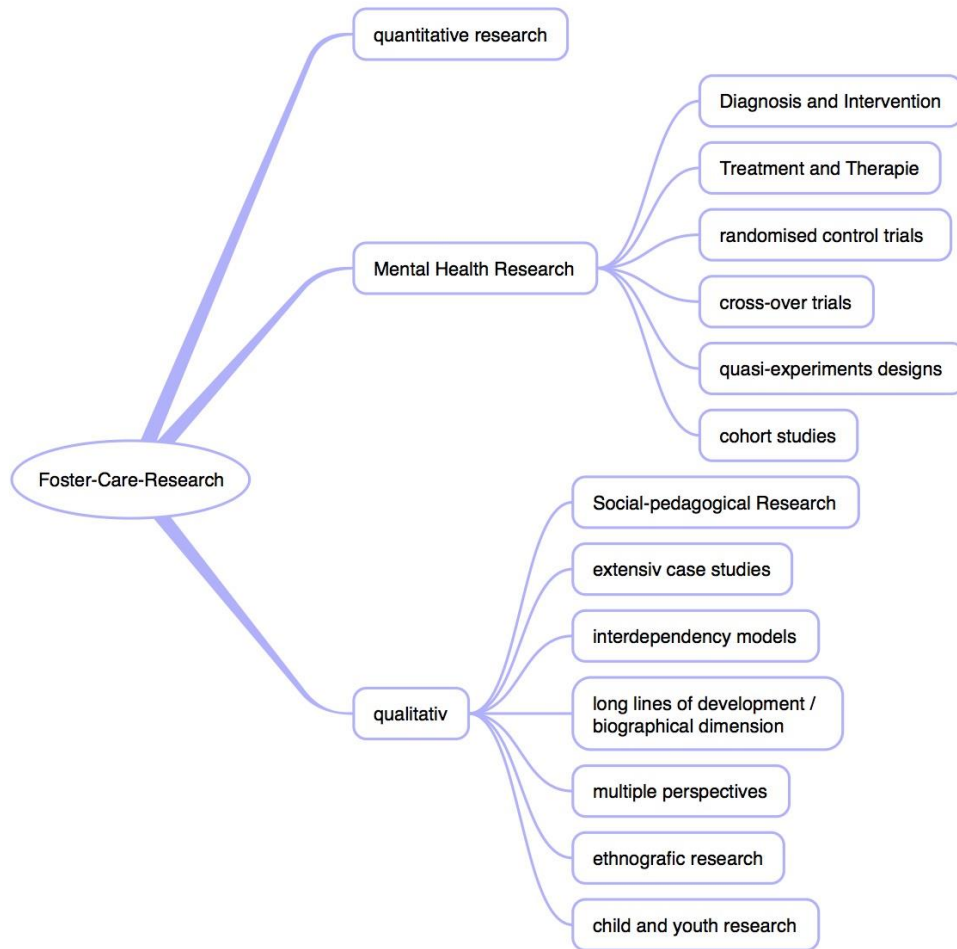
- different welfare state regimes
- legal structures
- Interpretative schemes within society
- religious, ethnic and cultural diversity
- gender

Macro processes draw attention to differences,
and also create new differentiations.

Specific issues related to diversity in foster care:

- Models of the foster child
- Models of foster parents and foster families
- Short-term care, care on weekdays only ...
- Older children
- Children with disabilities
- Kinship care
- Models of the birth parents
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Diversity in research: different theoretical approaches and methods



Summary:

Analysis of the interplay between macro-level features and developments, on the one hand, and the specific features of the foster care system, on the other.

Another topic:

transition

Have a great conference!

